

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: Ten Mile Road

Other names/site number: _____

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & number: _____

City or town: _____ State: MT County: Powder River County

Not For Publication: N/A Vicinity: N/A

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this x nomination _____ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property x meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

_____ national _____ statewide x local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

x A _____ B x C _____ D

Signature of certifying official/Title:

Date

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official:

Date

Title :

State or Federal agency/bureau
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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- ☐ entered in the National Register
☐ determined eligible for the National Register
☐ determined not eligible for the National Register
☐ removed from the National Register
☐ other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private: ☐
Public – Local ☒
Public – State ☐
Public – Federal ☐

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s) ☐
District ☐
Site ☐
Structure ☒
Object ☐

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
<u>2</u>	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>2</u>	_____	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

TRANSPORTATION/road-related (vehicular)

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

OTHER-road

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property:

EARTH, METAL: steel, STONE

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

Ten Mile Road is a linear corridor defined by numerous drainage crossings constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in 1935. These crossings display metal culverts and dry laid sandstone walls. All of the CCC-constructed drainage crossings along Ten Mile Road are within the Ashland District of the Custer Gallatin National Forest with the exception of three on its western end, which are not included in this nomination.¹ The majority of the road occurs in the Ashland District of the Custer Gallatin National Forest. Ten Mile Road is located in Powder River County in southeastern Montana and serves as the connecting roadway between the Otter Creek and Sonnette highways. For most of its length, Ten Mile Road runs north of Ten Mile Creek, an east/west trending creek that flows into Otter Creek from the east. Otter Creek is within the Tongue River watershed within the Powder River Basin.

Narrative Description

Physical Description

Ten Mile Road is a linear corridor consisting of numerous drainage crossings (30) constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1935. The entire length of the road measures 17 miles; the portion within

¹ The three CCC-associated drainage crossings not included as part of this nomination occur outside the Forest Service boundary, west of the western end of the nominated portion of the road.

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the National Forest boundaries, and the focus of this nomination, measures 11.91 miles in length. The geology of the region is defined by remnants of an old dissected plateau of largely sandstone and shales and lignite beds, heavily eroded to the present rough topography. Resultant water courses in the draws flow only seasonally, and some not at all. Ten Mile Road transects the fan terraces above the creek bottom of Ten Mile Creek. The surrounding landscape of Ten Mile Road exhibits grasslands and sagebrush slopes, ponderosa pine forests on the upper slopes, and sandstone outcrops. Ten Mile Road is situated in southeastern Montana in Powder River County, Montana. The Ten Mile Road parallels Ten Mile Creek, an east-west trending creek that flows into Otter Creek from the east. The present road is situated north of Ten Mile Creek along most of its length. Land ownership along Ten Mile Road is a combination of private and public (national forest) lands, though the road itself is owned by Powder River County. The focus of this nomination includes only the county-owned portion within the boundaries of the Ashland District of the Custer Gallatin National Forest.

Ten Mile Road (one contributing structure)

Ten Mile Road today is a level 3 Forest Service Road, meaning it is suitable for passenger car access. The portion of the road within the Ashland District, and the focus of this nomination, measures 11.91 miles; the entire length of the road measures 17 miles. The road measures approximately 14-16 feet wide with recently-constructed intervisible turnouts, and surfaced with scoria. The road fill depth varies according to location along the road from only 1-2 feet to 10-12 feet. It is a low volume road averaging one or two cars per day except during fall hunting season when the road probably sees about 20 cars per day. Formally a Forest Service road, Ten Mile Road is 100% under Powder River County jurisdiction and serves as a transportation corridor that connects the Otter Creek Road and the Sonnette Road in southeastern Montana.² The road follows its historic alignment. The road reputedly derives its name from its distance south of the turnoff of Highway 212, just east of the small community of Ashland.

Drainage Crossings (counted as one contributing structure)

Thirty drainage crossings punctuate the Ten Mile Road alignment within the Forest Service boundaries and each crossing shares some degree of similarity with the other crossings. Generally, the drainage crossings consist of a 24 -inch to 48-inch diameter corrugated single metal pipe displaying some degree of stone work. The larger culverts tend to appear at locations of larger intermittent creek flows compared to other drainage crossings that experience lesser or infrequent flows. Several of the steel culverts exhibit metal tags that read:

WHEELING
COPPER STEEL
14 GA.
1935

Most of the drainage crossings exhibit rock work that consists of sandstone slabs placed horizontally at varying depths around the culvert and beneath the road bed surface, usually on both sides of the road.

² Andy Wilber and Dave Shimek, personal communication with Joan L. Brownell, November 21, 2017, Custer Gallatin National Forest Billings Office, Billings, MT.

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The extent of the rock work found at the drainage crossings ranges, in terms of construction effort and time, from a few scattered stones to features that measure over 15 feet in length and 3-4 feet high. A few of the crossing also feature stone diversion walls that extend off the culvert to divert a side stream channel. While the majority of drainage crossings remain, a few have suffered from erosion and slumping making it difficult to view them in their entirety.

CCC-enrollees collected all of the stones locally from the slopes of sandstone outcrops surrounding the Ten Mile Creek drainage. The size of the stone used in the construction of the drainage crossing suggests most could probably be moved by one or two men, thereby engaging the greatest number of CCC enrollees. Transport of the materials from the sandstone outcrops to the job site likely occurred using either trucks, wagons, or even wheelbarrows over the rough terrain. After arrival at the specific job location, the rocks were laid horizontally surrounding the culvert installation by the CCC crews.

All the stone work displays hand laid dry masonry showing skilled craftsmanship in the stone placement, with native stone closely fitted together to form irregular horizontal courses without the aid of other materials, such as concrete. The workmanship displayed in the construction at the drainage crossings can be partially attributed to the Local Experienced Men (LEM's), who with ranch backgrounds understood the techniques and methods necessary to successfully lay rock. The stone selection varies considerably with an emphasis placed on narrow tabular sandstone, occasionally interspersed with more blocky stone. The existence of so many of these drainage crossings is a testament to the CCC work force.

Integrity

The Ten Mile Road segment and its associated features within the Ashland District of the Custer Gallatin National Forest in Powder River County retains good integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. The CCC work reflects one of the earliest attempts to fashion the existing byway at the time road into a safe thoroughfare between to Otter Creek Road to the west and the Sonnette Road to the east. In the early 2000s, the road was brought up to more modern standards, including the addition of intervisible turnouts, emplacement of cattle guards, resurfacing, establishing regular fill slopes and backslopes, and ditch widths and depths. These improvements, while affecting the original CCC work, do not significantly impact the significance and integrity of the Ten Mile Road. The work conducted by the CCC crews during their time in the Ashland District remains evident. The existing roadway retains the original alignment, the general road width, and the majority of the features associated with the CCC period. This includes 30 drainage crossings that feature culverts and the dry laid stone work of the CCC crews. The setting of the road remains exceptionally intact with little development along its route, heightening the integrity of feeling and association. The road continues to function as it did after the CCC left the area, providing an opportunity to literally travel back in time along the same road and seeing the same landscape that the CCC workers did.

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Feature No.*	Rock Work	Side of Road (visible)	Culvert Diameter (inches)	Road Fill depth (approx.)	Details
CCC-4	sparse	North	Unknown	10-22 ft.	
CCC-5	less than 20	Both	24	6-8 ft.	Metal tag 1935; diversion rock wall extends from culvert
CCC-6	less than 20	North	18	1-2 ft.	
24PR1922	extensive	Both	48	2-3 ft.	Rock work: length 19-20 ft. /stacked 3 ft. high
24PR1927	extensive	North	24	10-12 ft.	Rock work: length 19-20 ft. /stacked 3 ft. high
CCC-7	extensive	Both	-----	4-7 ft.	Rock work: length 12 ft./stacked 3 ft. high
CCC-8	sparse	North	18	8 ft.	
CCC-9	sparse	Both	18	3-4 ft.	
CCC-10	less than 20	Both	18	3 ft.	
24PR1928	extensive	North	24	4-5 ft.	Rock work: length 3-4 ft. /stacked 3 ft.
24PR1929	extensive	Both	36	5-6 ft.	Rock work (north): 13-14 ft. length and height Rock work (south): 30 ft. length/stacked 10-13 ft. Both sides have diversion rock walls extending outward from structure
CCC-11	extensive	North	30	3-4 ft.	Rock work: length 10 ft.
CCC-12	extensive	Both	18	2-3 ft.	Rock work (north): length 10 ft. /stacked 3 ft. Rock work (south): length 7-8 ft. /stacked 3 ft.
CCC-13	extensive	Both	48	8-10 ft.	Metal tag 1935; Rock work (north); length 18 ft. Rock work (south): length 15 ft. /stacked 2 ft. at head wall
CCC-14	extensive	Both	25	8 ft.	Rock work (north): length 15 ft. / stacked 3 ft. Rock work (south): length 8-10 ft. / stacked 3 ft. Also stacked 2 ft. above head wall
CCC-15	extensive	Both	24	5 ft.	Rock work (north): length 10 ft. / stacked 2 ft. Rock work (south): few visible
CCC-16	extensive	South	24	4 ft.	Rock work: length 12 ft. / stacked 3 ft.; also stacked above head wall
CCC-17	extensive	Both	18 (double)	1-2 ft.	Sparse rock work either side; earth/ sandstone diversion wall extends from north culvert end measures approx. 180 ft. long, 12 ft. wide, 2-3 ft. high (unknown if CCC related)
CCC-18	sparse	North	18	4-5 ft.	Approx. 10 large sandstone stacked at sides and headwall
CCC-19	extensive	South	24	4-5 ft.	Rock work: length 14 ft. / stacked 3 ft. side and headwall
CCC-20	extensive	Both	24	5-12 ft.	Rock work (north): over 100 stacked either side and 3 ft. at headwall Rock work (south); only 10-15 stones visible

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Feature No.*	Rock Work	Side of Road (visible)	Culvert Diameter (inches)	Road Fill depth (approx.)	Details
CCC-21	sparse	Both	18	1 ft.	10-12 stones stacked along sides and headwall on both sides
CCC-22	extensive	Both	24	5 ft.	Rock work (north): length 25 ft. / stacked 3 ft. and single course above culvert Rock work (south): length 15 ft. / stacked 3 ft. Earth and stone (over 100 stones) diversion wall extends approx. 54 ft. from north culvert wall
CCC-23	extensive	Both	30	10-12 ft.	Rock work (north): length 18 ft. / stacked 3 ft. and 2 ft. at headwall Rock work (south): length 8 ft. / stacked 2 ft. and 2 ft. at headwall
CCC-24	extensive	South	24	5-6 ft.	Rock work: length 4 ft. / stacked 2 ft.
CCC-25	extensive	Both	18	8-10 ft.	Rock work (north): length 6 ft. / stacked 2 ft. with 1 ft. at headwall Rock work (south): length 4 ft. / stacked 2 ft. with 1 ft. at headwall
CCC-26	extensive	Both	24	2-4 ft.	Rock work (north): length 14 ft. / stacked 2 ft. with 2 ft. at headwall Rock work (south): length 10 ft. / stacked 2 ft. with 2 ft. at headwall
24PR1940	extensive	Both	48	3 ft.	Four features: Bowen Reservoir, stone diversion wall along north side of road, open ditch, and drainage crossing Rock work (north): length 22 ft. / stacked 3-4 ft. Rock work (south): length 12 ft. / stacked 3-4 ft.
CCC-27	extensive	Both	25	5-10 ft.	Rock work (north): length 24 ft. / stacked 2-3 ft. with 4-5 ft. at headwall Rock work (south): length 12 ft. / stacked 2-3 ft. with 4 ft. at headwall
CCC-28	extensive	South	18	12 ft.	Rock work: length 24 ft. / stacked 2-3 ft. with 4-5 at headwall

Table detailing drainage crossing features associated with Ten Mile Road within National Register Boundary

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Resource Number	Easting	Northing	Zone
24PR1922	419425.687400000000	5031355.230300000000	NAD83 Z13N
24PR1927	419697.150500000000	5031373.645300000000	NAD83 Z13N
24PR1928	422095.114000000000	5031998.075000000000	NAD83 Z13N
24PR1929	422276.701300000000	5032093.452000000000	NAD83 Z13N
24PR1940	428214.326000000000	5030884.453700000000	NAD83 Z13N
CCC-04	415110.361600000000	5032177.920900000000	NAD83 Z13N
CCC-05	415548.247900000000	5032037.426900000000	NAD83 Z13N
CCC-06	417685.275300000000	5031282.436900000000	NAD83 Z13N
CCC-07	420519.920900000000	5031571.336000000000	NAD83 Z13N
CCC-08	420781.065200000000	5031541.649700000000	NAD83 Z13N
CCC-09	421193.736600000000	5031633.724800000000	NAD83 Z13N
CCC-10	421407.361700000000	5031718.418100000000	NAD83 Z13N
CCC-11	422623.739700000000	5032139.959800000000	NAD83 Z13N
CCC-12	422814.054800000000	5032128.842800000000	NAD83 Z13N
CCC-13	423422.108200000000	5031983.612800000000	NAD83 Z13N
CCC-14	423888.922400000000	5031856.392000000000	NAD83 Z13N
CCC-15	424137.790000000000	5031775.641100000000	NAD83 Z13N
CCC-16	424548.027200000000	5031656.207900000000	NAD83 Z13N
CCC-17	425027.135700000000	5031722.406700000000	NAD83 Z13N
CCC-18	425388.133900000000	5031592.654800000000	NAD83 Z13N
CCC-19	425539.740500000000	5031532.594300000000	NAD83 Z13N
CCC-20	425886.131000000000	5031493.801000000000	NAD83 Z13N
CCC-21	426058.516200000000	5031453.436100000000	NAD83 Z13N
CCC-22	426653.829900000000	5031382.351200000000	NAD83 Z13N
CCC-23	426826.867700000000	5031376.001200000000	NAD83 Z13N
CCC-24	427111.754000000000	5031312.765600000000	NAD83 Z13N
CCC-25	427302.677700000000	5031317.290000000000	NAD83 Z13N
CCC-26	427561.881700000000	5031261.030700000000	NAD83 Z13N
CCC-27	428769.611800000000	5030837.633000000000	NAD83 Z13N
CCC-28	429469.256200000000	5030617.767300000000	NAD83 Z13N

Location information of drainage crossing features, by UTM

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- ☐ B. Removed from its original location
- ☐ C. A birthplace or grave
- ☐ D. A cemetery
- ☐ E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- ☐ F. A commemorative property
- ☐ G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

TRANSPORTATION

Period of Significance

1935

Significant Dates

1935

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

CCC

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

Ten Mile Road is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C, at the local level of significance. Under Criterion A, the Ten Mile Road is associated with the CCC presence on the Ashland District of the former Custer National Forest, now the Custer Gallatin National Forest. Under Criterion C, Ten Mile Road exemplifies CCC craftsmanship in the construction of drainage crossings with dry laid stone work.

Ten Mile Road meets the Registration Requirements set forth in the *Civilian Conservation Corps on the Ashland and Beartooth Districts, Custer Gallatin National Forest Multiple Property Document* under the contexts *Civilian Conservation Corps in Montana 1933-1943* and *Civilian Conservation Corps on the Ashland District 1934-1936* and the *Roads* property type. The period of significance identified for this property is during its period of construction by the CCC in 1935 and it conforms to the MPD cover context period.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

As with many isolated rural roads, the Ten Mile road evolved over time, from a wildlife corridor to cattle/horse trail, to a crude two-track road. The 1910 General Land office survey map for this area (T5S R46E) fails to identify a road along Ten Mile Creek, indicating the road didn't exist at the time of the map's preparation.³ The earliest documentation found of a road in the present location of Ten Mile Road is a 1918 Ashland District of the Custer National Forest map that shows a road following Ten Mile Creek along most of its length. By the time the CCC arrived on the Ashland District, the Ten Mile Road was a recognized roadway with fords across the numerous draws in its path.⁴

It appears that Ten Mile Creek had briefly been considered as a possible route for a public highway east of Ashland across forest lands to Broadus. However, after Home Creek Road (Highway 212 today) to the north apparently replaced Ten Mile as a preferred route, Forest Supervisor W. J. Derrick quickly recommended Ten Mile Creek road as a CCC road construction project. He supported his decision since the "people living on Ten Mile and the Forest Service are in need of a road for administrative and utilization purposes. It should take the same classification [Class 4] as the Fifteen Mile Project; the requirements are the same."⁵

The first CCC major road work project for the Otter Creek CCC Camp consisted of reconstruction of the Fifteen Mile Road located south of Ten Mile. Because of the shared topography and proximity of Ten Mile Road and Fifteen Mile Road, it is easy to assume that the construction of Fifteen Mile Road proved

³ General Land Office survey map T5S R46E, www.glorerecords.blm.gov.

⁴ USDA Forest Service "Custer National Forest Montana" 1918 map, and Custer National Forest (Ashland Division) Montana" 1938 map, Custer Gallatin National Forest Billings Office, Billings, MT.

⁵ W. J. Derrick to Evan W. Kelley, August 3, 1934, Folder 8, Box 47, RG 95, National Archives-Pacific Alaska Region, Seattle, WA.

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quite similar to Ten Mile and any experience gained during the construction of Fifteen Mile carried over to the Ten Mile Road construction. Therefore, Inspector Hamblett's report on Fifteen Mile is just as applicable to Ten Mile.

Cross drainage is heavy. Culvert lengths have been cut down by using a dry rock wall on both sides of the fill. Rock is close by and since the haul from Forsyth (railroad station on Northern Pacific) to the job is 85 miles, the saving on cost of culvert pipe is considerable.⁶

In March 1935, right before the Ten Mile construction began, the *Green Guidon*, the regional CCC newsletter, described installation of culverts which in some places replaced old wooden culverts.

The size of culverts are determined by the ditches leading into them. After a culvert is laid in place with enough down slope to drain the water, it is necessary to rock both sides of the culvert to keep the water from washing out the road next to the culvert. This is done with flat rocks laid upon each other and back far enough to keep them from falling down with a little weight upon them.⁷

Work commenced on the Ten Mile Road the following June with the expectation to complete "twelve miles of truck trail" on Ten Mile. That same month, Ed Trueworthy, the forest road locator, produced a map of the estimated route of the "Ten Mile Creek" road project beginning from the county road at Otter Creek and continuing for a distance of 14.4 miles up the creek. Originally classified as a Class 4 truck trail, Inspector C. E. Brackett observed that the Ten Mile drainage presented the "most complicated problem." Brackett suggested that since the drainages received little permanent flow and the area lacked readily available bridge materials, fords should be considered since they historically had served the area.⁸

Work on Ten Mile began on June 28, 1935. In late July, Inspector Brackett discovered serious deviations from the specifications designated by the road locator where road construction exceeded allowable standards. To alleviate such discrepancies, he suggested closer communication between the locator and construction foreman. A return inspection by Brackett in mid-August found the situation corrected with the "quality of work improved and standards adhered to."⁹

Ten Mile Creek was less than three miles north of the Otter Creek CCC Camp and thereby served as a convenient work project. By early August, "most of men are working out of the main camp on the new Ten Mile road. They are cutting sagebrush, building cattle guards, laying and rocking culverts. A Dozer

⁶ J. F. Hamblet, Memorandum of Inspection, October 23, 1934, RG 95, Box 18, Folder 18

⁷ *The Green Guidon*, "Drought" Company 1961, Camp DF-54, Ashland, Montana, March 21, 1936, copy in possession of author.

⁸ Ed Trueworthy, "Estimate of Route Location of 10-Mile Project No. 51," Custer National Forest map 1935, Closed File 7710 Transportation Planning, Custer Gallatin National Forest, Billings Office, Billings, MT; C. E. Brackett, "Memorandum for Regional Engineer," June 8, 1935, Folder 12, Box 18, RG 95, National Archives-Pacific Alaska Region, Seattle, WA.

⁹ C. E. Brackett, "Memorandum of Technical Road Inspection," July 20, 1935 and August 14, 1935, Folder 11, Box 18, RG 95, National Archives-Pacific Alaska Region, Seattle, WA.

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crew is working two shifts a day on the road.”¹⁰ Equipment on the project included two trailbuilders, a caterpillar, a ripper and a grader. With the rumor of a possible early camp closure they operated single, double and triple shifts.¹¹

At the end of August, Inspector C. B. Swim reported that the grading and culverts for the road would be finished but the road would not be graveled. Swim also questioned the Class 4 classification of the Ten Mile road. “The best I can learn the road will not average more than a couple of cars per day. The road (Class 4 Standard) has a turnout every 400 ft. or 13 to the mile. This seems entirely out of line where the road will average but 2 cars per day.”¹²

Expectations for the completion of the road rose after the Ashland District CCC camps were extended for another period and men assigned to road work averaged 47 in number. By mid-September, the “well-organized” and “satisfactory” road was estimated at 95% completed (which appears to be exaggerated), with only road surfacing remaining. However, “very dry and dusty” conditions and difficulty in obtaining culverts delayed finishing the road. Inspector Brackett suggested they order a rock crusher to expedite the surfacing.¹³

By the end of September, CCC crews reportedly had reconstructed 6.1 miles on the Ten Mile Road. The project continued into the following months, described as “well underway” by the beginning of October. In late November, the *Forsyth Independent* noted that about “50 youths are in a crew working on a stretch of fire road on Ten Mile A rock crusher is being set up and the road to be graveled before winter sets in.” In December, the Forest Service located a spike camp along Ten Mile Creek with a 40-man crew in a final effort to complete the road. Presumably this crew finished the road before the Otter Creek CCC Camp closed by the beginning of January of 1936.¹⁴

The Ten Mile Road extended for approximately 14 miles from the Otter Creek county road to the eastern forest boundary at what was known as the Quebbeman Place. In November 1935, Powder River County Commissioners requested the Forest Service continue the Ten Mile Road to the Pumpkin Creek Road (Sonnette) east of the forest boundary. However, the Forest Service was unable to comply after they lost their work force with the closure of the Ashland District CCC camps.¹⁵ A 1938 Custer National Forest

¹⁰ *The Green Guidon*, August 10, 1935.

¹¹ Ibid, March 29, 1935; C. E. Brackett, “Memorandum of Technical Road Inspection,” August 14, 1935, Folder 11, Box 18, RG 95, National Archives-Pacific Alaska Region, Seattle, WA.

¹² C. B. Swim, “General Inspection Report Outline,” Custer National Forest, Otter Creek F-54, August 29, 1935, Folder 12, Box 18, RG 95, National Archives-Pacific Alaska Region, Seattle, WA.

¹³ C. E. Brackett, “Memorandum of Technical Road Inspection,” September 16, 1935, Folder 11, Box 18, RG 95, National Archives-Pacific Alaska Region, Seattle, WA.

¹⁴ USDA Forest Service, “Progress Report ECW Road Construction Region One,” September 26, 1935, Folder 14, Box 22, RG 283, Montana Historical Society Archives, Helena, MT; *The Green Guidon*, October 1, 1935; *Forsyth Independent*, November 21, 1935, 1; *The Green Guidon*, December 1, 1935.

¹⁵ W. J. Derrick to C. W. Waite, November 15, 1936; W. J. Derrick to R. D. McCurdy, January 13, 1936, Closed File 7711 Transportation, Custer Gallatin National Forest, Billings Office, Billings, MT. The Ten Mile Road is not listed on any of the annual Region 1 progress forest road record from 1933 to 1942.

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Ashland District map shows Ten Mile Road completed to Quebbeman Spring as a “good motor road.”¹⁶
A circa 1941 county map identifies Ten Mile Road as a “graveled, graded & drained” road.¹⁷

Additional Documentation

Mike Bergstrom, Custer Gallatin National Forest archaeologist, recorded all CCC-constructed drainage crossings that include metal culverts and accompanying rock work along the Ten Mile Creek Road (24PR1922-29; 24PR1940 and 24PR1965). These historic structures have also been photographed to Historic American Engineering Recordation (HAER) standards. Prior to a Federal ROW transfer of the first 8.8 miles of the Ten Mile Road to Powder River County, a Memorandum of Agreement between the Montana State Historic Preservation Office and the Custer National Forest was signed to protect and manage these significant CCC historic resources. A second Federal ROW transfer for the rest of the road was completed in 2012.¹⁸

¹⁶ USDA Forest Service, Custer National Forest (Ashland Division) 1938 Map, in possession of author.

¹⁷ *Echoing Footsteps, A History of Powder River County*. Butte, MT: Ashton Printing & Engraving Company, 1967.

¹⁸ Mike Bergstrom, interview with Joan L. Brownell, Billings, MT, March 15, 2002; Custer National Forest Heritage Resource Program Site 24PR1922-29; 24PR1940; 24PR1965; Custer Gallatin National Forest, Billings Office, Billings, MT (hereafter referred to as Site); Montana State Historic Preservation Office and Custer National Forest, “*Memorandum of Agreement*,” October 1, 2001; Mike Bergstrom, interview with Joan L. Brownell, Billings, MT, November 19, 2017.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

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☐ previously listed in the National Register
☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
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Primary location of additional data:

☒ State Historic Preservation Office
☐ Other State agency
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☐ Local government
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Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 72.19

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates (decimal degrees)

Datum if other than WGS84: _____
(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

A. Latitude: 45.440170 (West end, start of, NR boundary)	Longitude: -106.112960
B. Latitude: 45.420320 (East end, end of, NR boundary)	Longitude: -105.887700
C. Latitude:	Longitude:
D. Latitude:	Longitude:

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Or

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

☐ NAD 1927 or ☐ NAD 1983

1. Zone:	Easting:	Northing:
2. Zone:	Easting:	Northing:
3. Zone:	Easting:	Northing:
4. Zone:	Easting :	Northing:

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Ten Mile Road actually begins at the intersection of Ten Mile Road with the Otter Creek Road/Highway 51 and ends at the intersection of Ten Mile Road with Sonnette Road, a distance of roughly 17 miles. The actual portion of the road that is the focus of this nomination begins at the western boundary of the Forest Service land traversed by the road and continues east to the eastern boundary of Forest Service land, a distance measuring 11.91 miles. The nominated portion of Ten Mile Road lies in T4S R46E Sections 31 and 32, 33, 36; T5S R46E Sections 1-4; T4S R47E Sections 31, 32; and T5S R47E Sections 2-6, 11, found on the Yager Butte and Threemile Buttes 7.5' Quadrangle maps.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary is defined by the Ten Mile road bed within the boundaries of the Ashland District of the Custer Gallatin National Forest.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Joan L. Brownell
organization: _____
street & number: _____
city or town: Fishtail state: MT zip code: 59028
e-mail: _____
telephone: _____
date: _____

Owner

name/title: Powder River County
organization: Powder River County
street & number: P.O. Box 200 -
city or town: Broadus state: MT zip code: 59317
e-mail: _____

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telephone: _____

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property:

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Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

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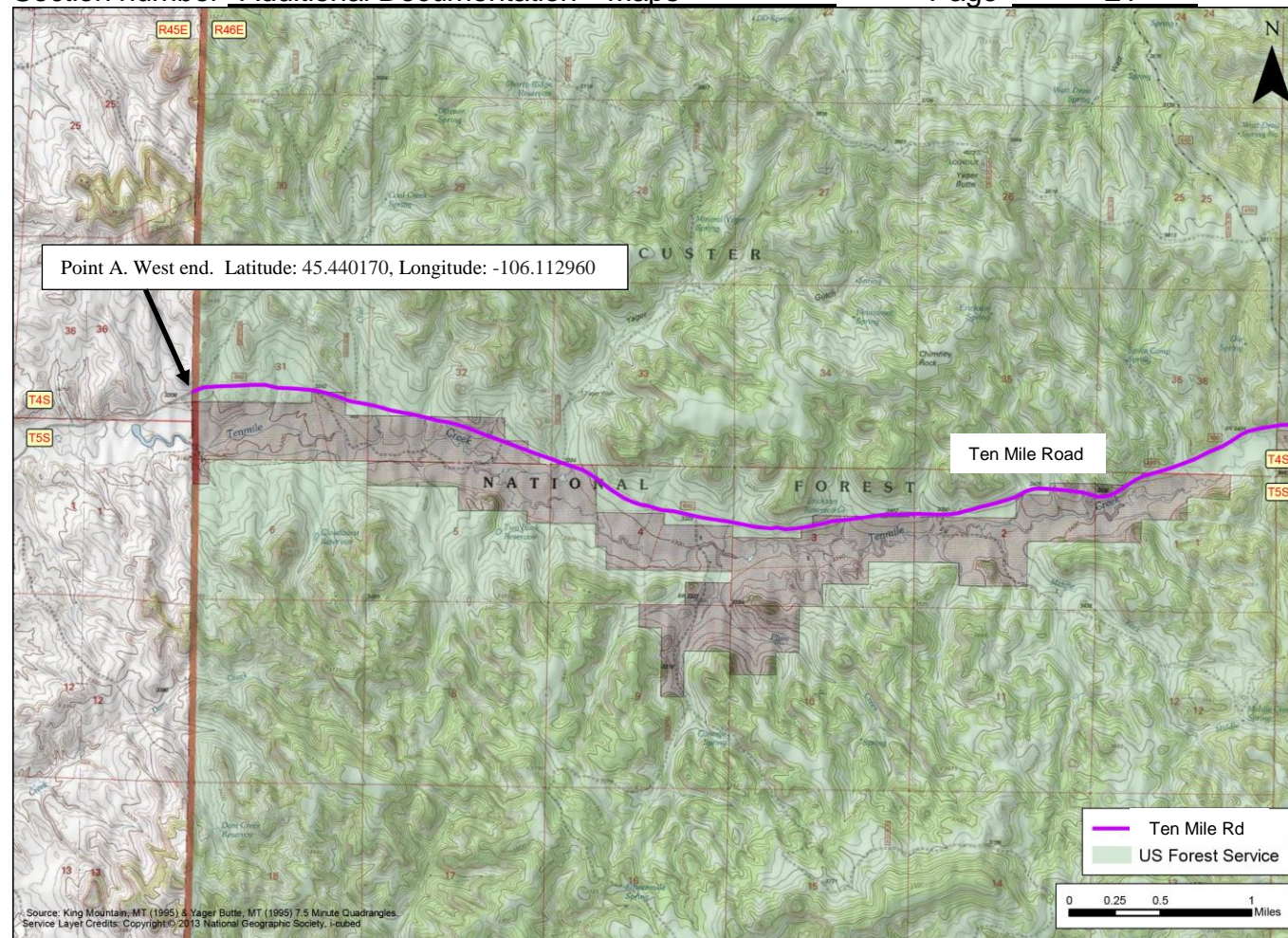
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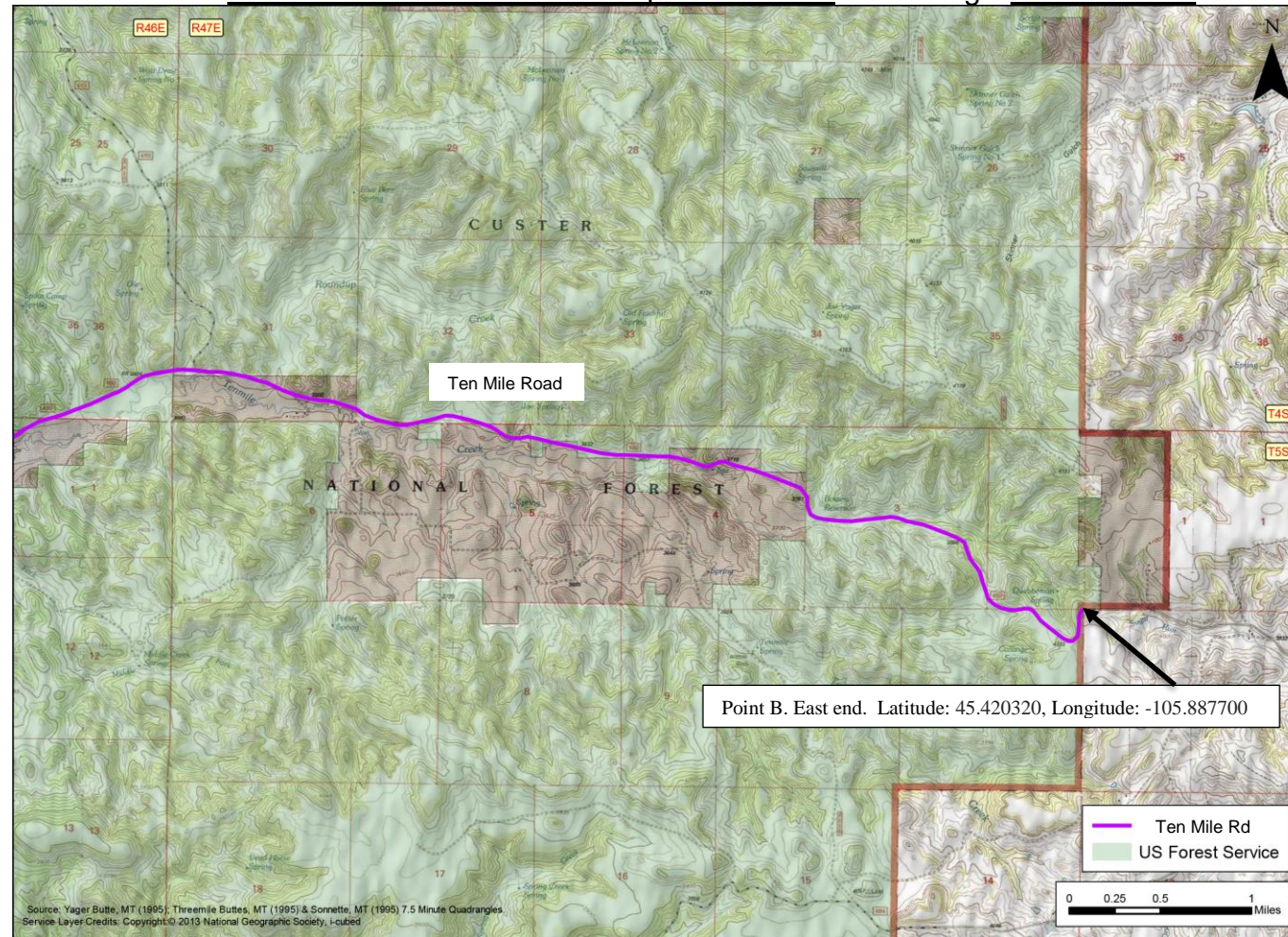
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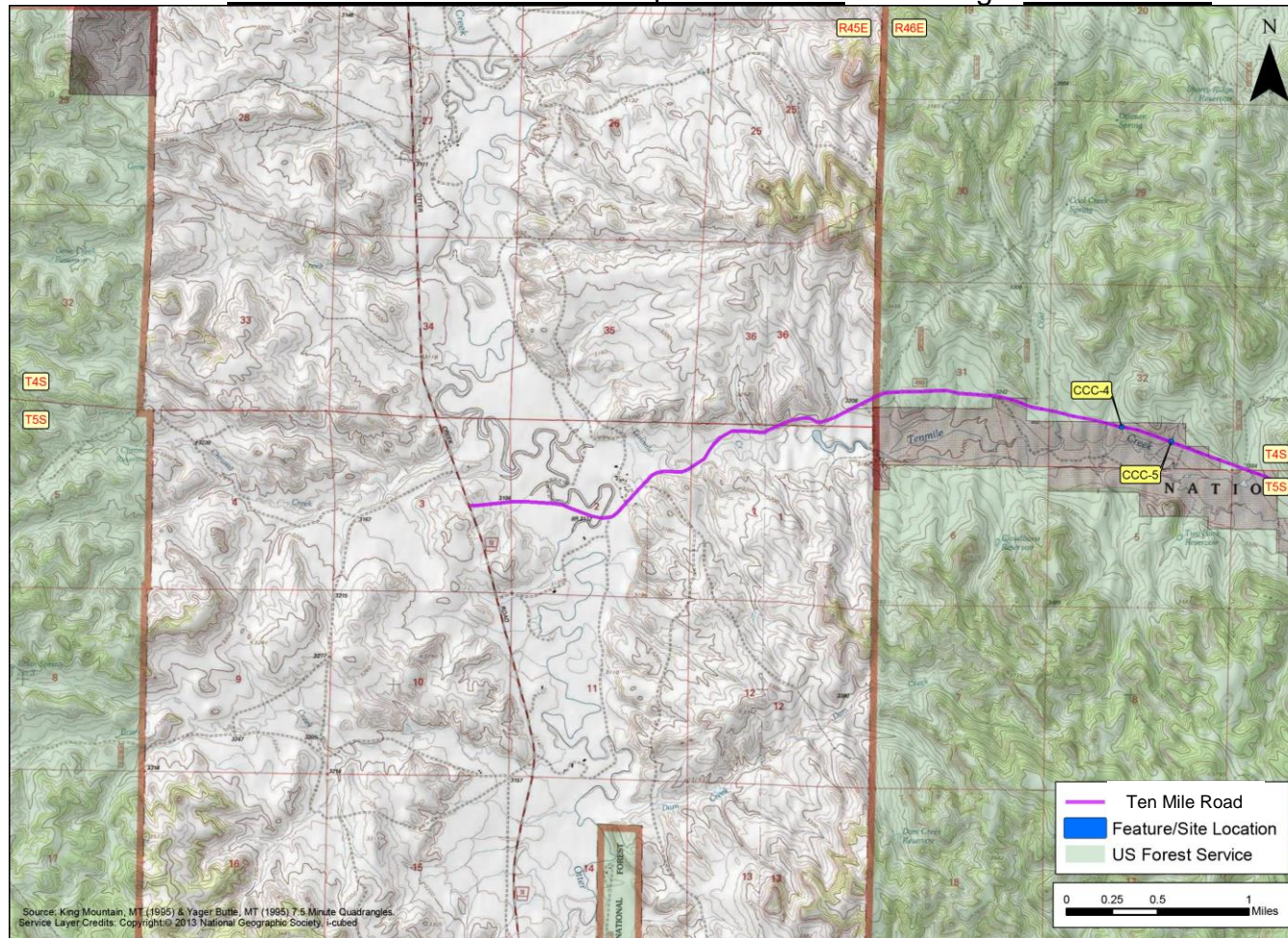
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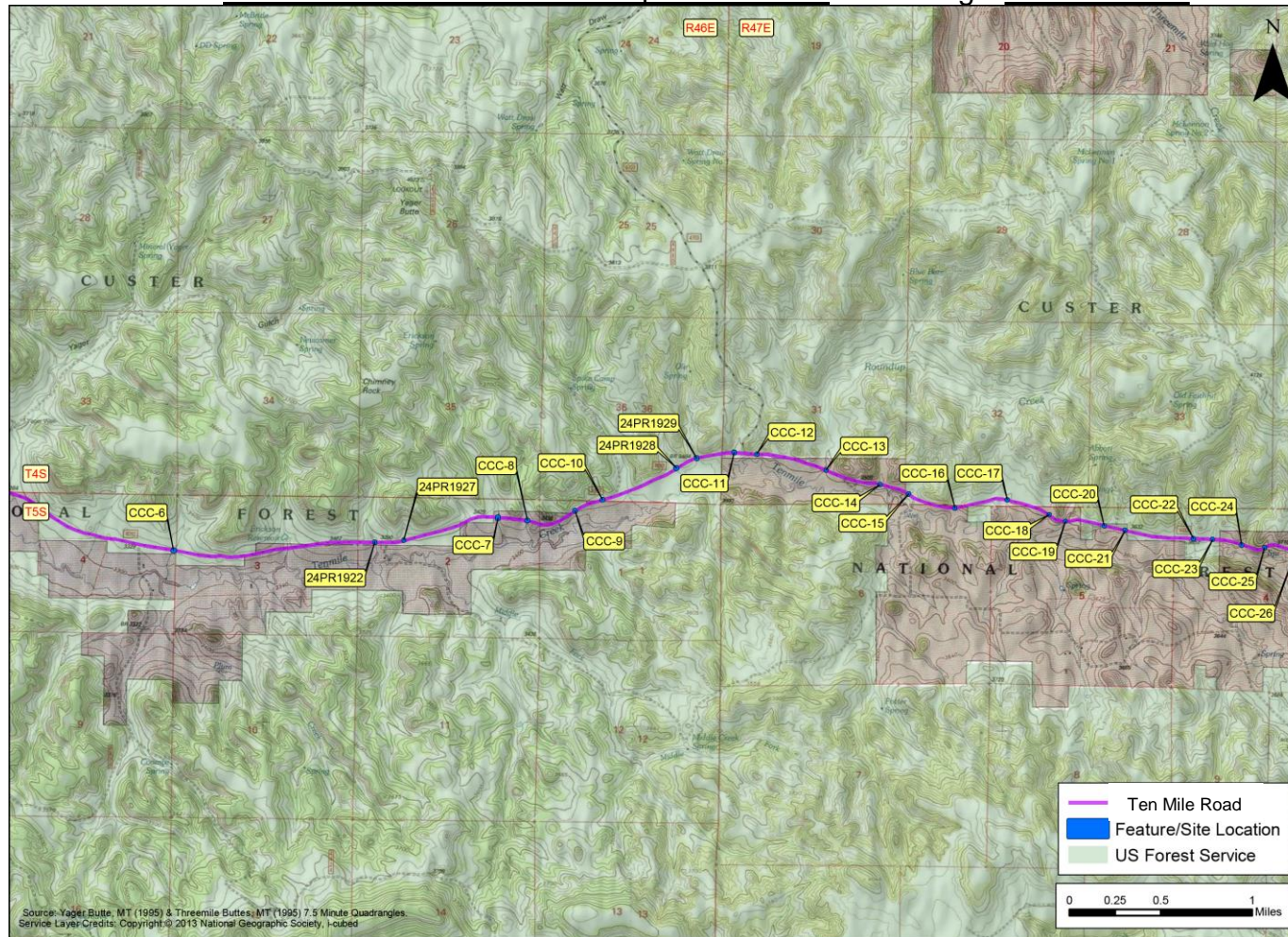
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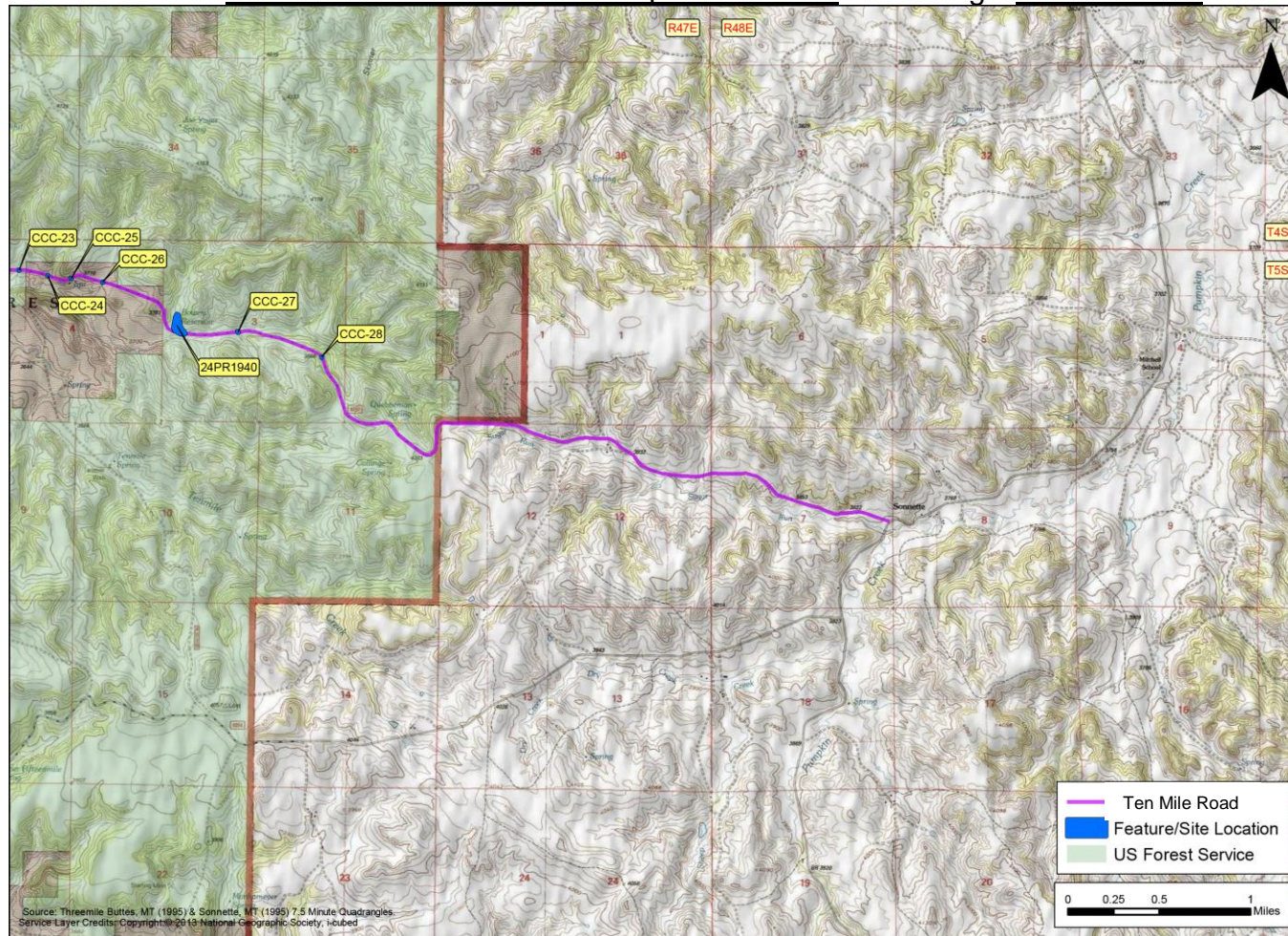
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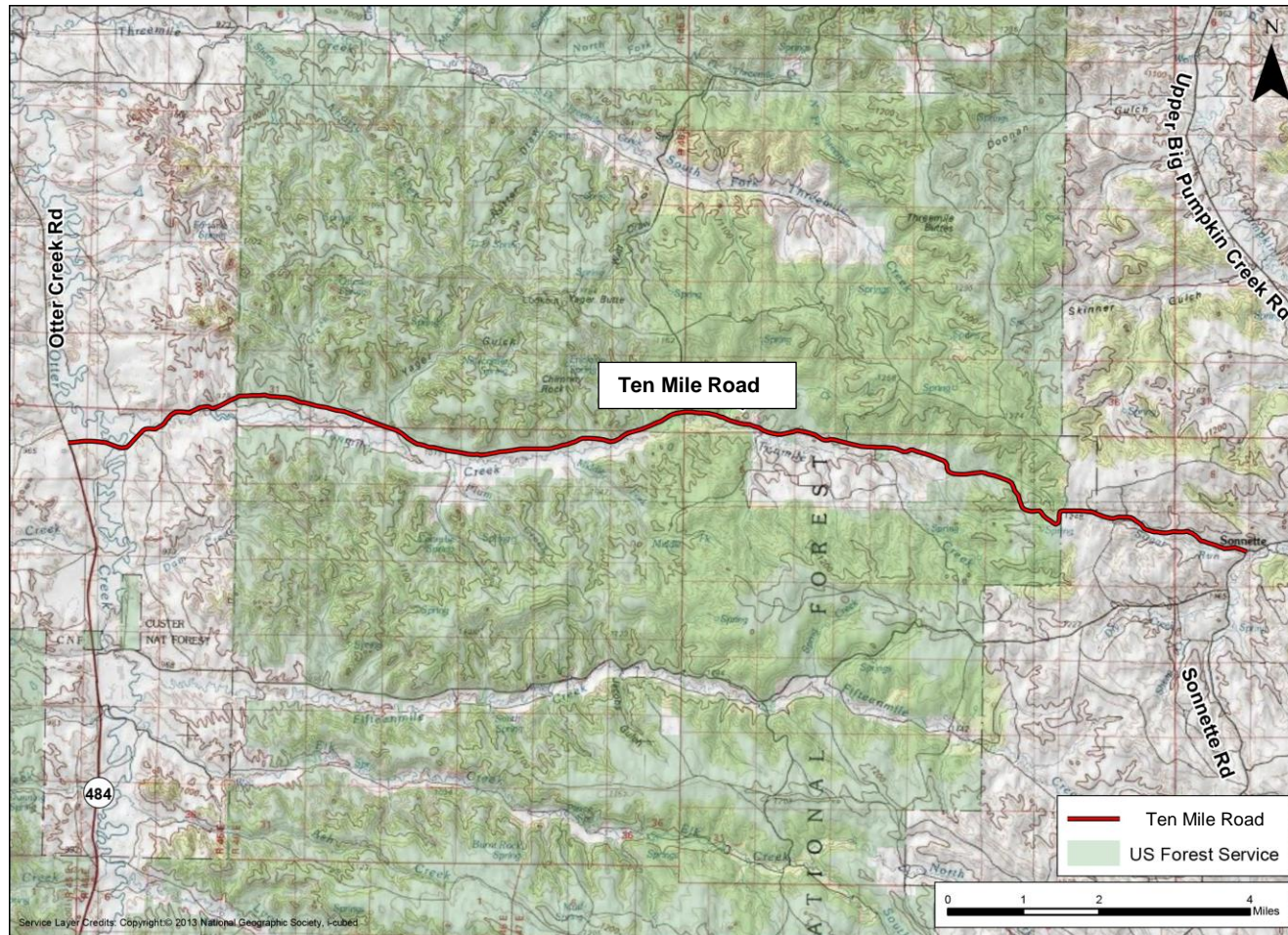
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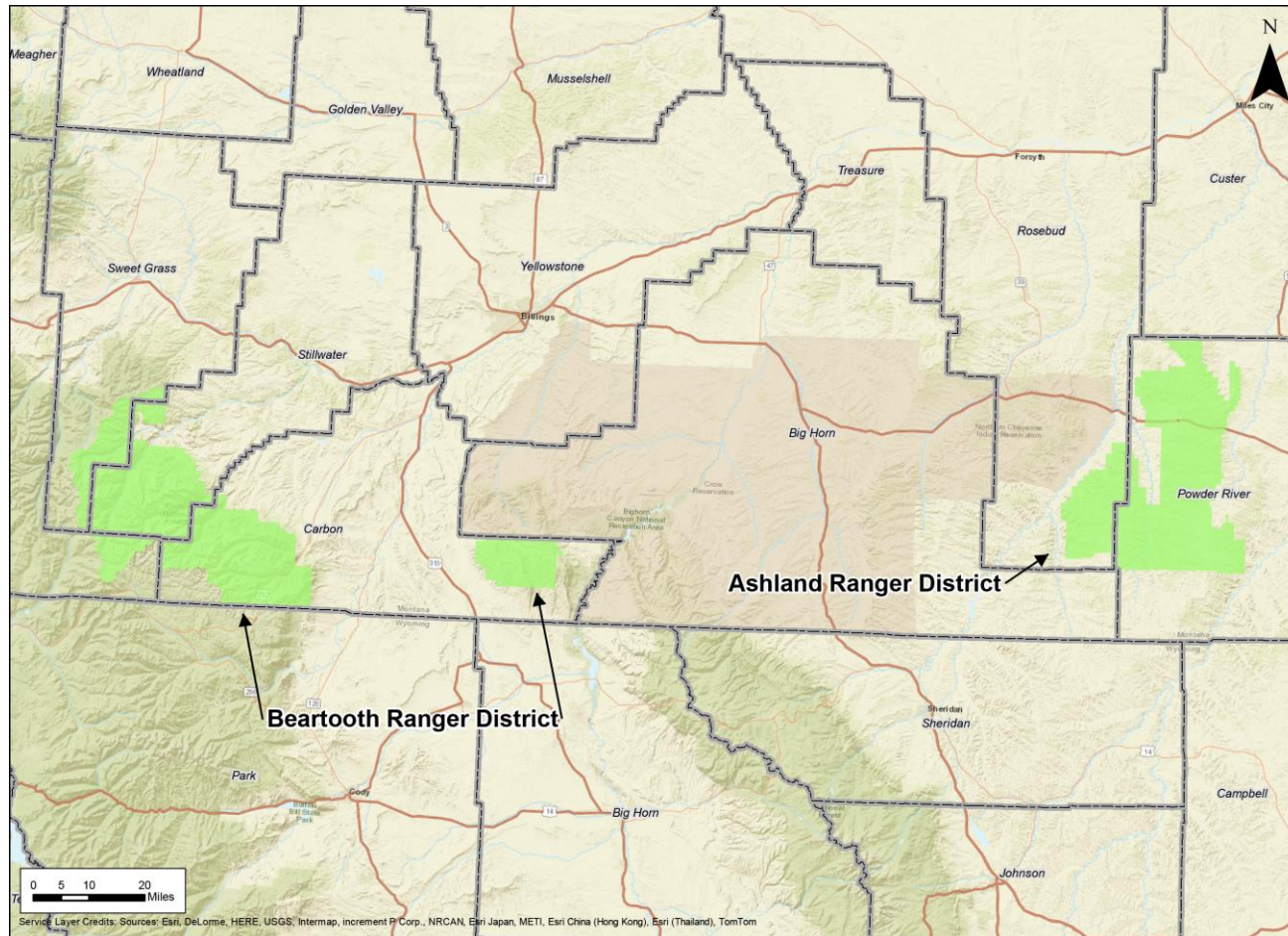
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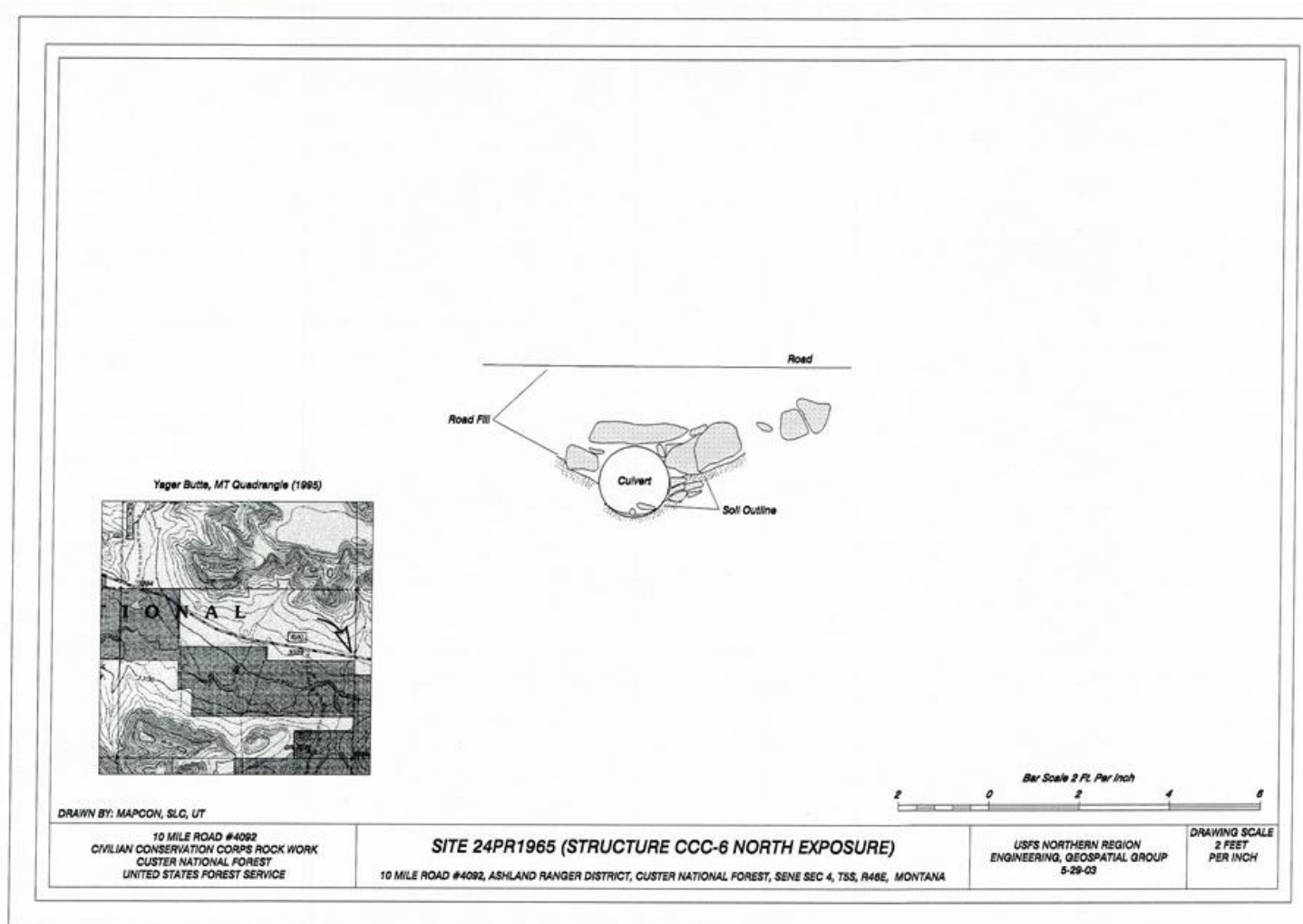
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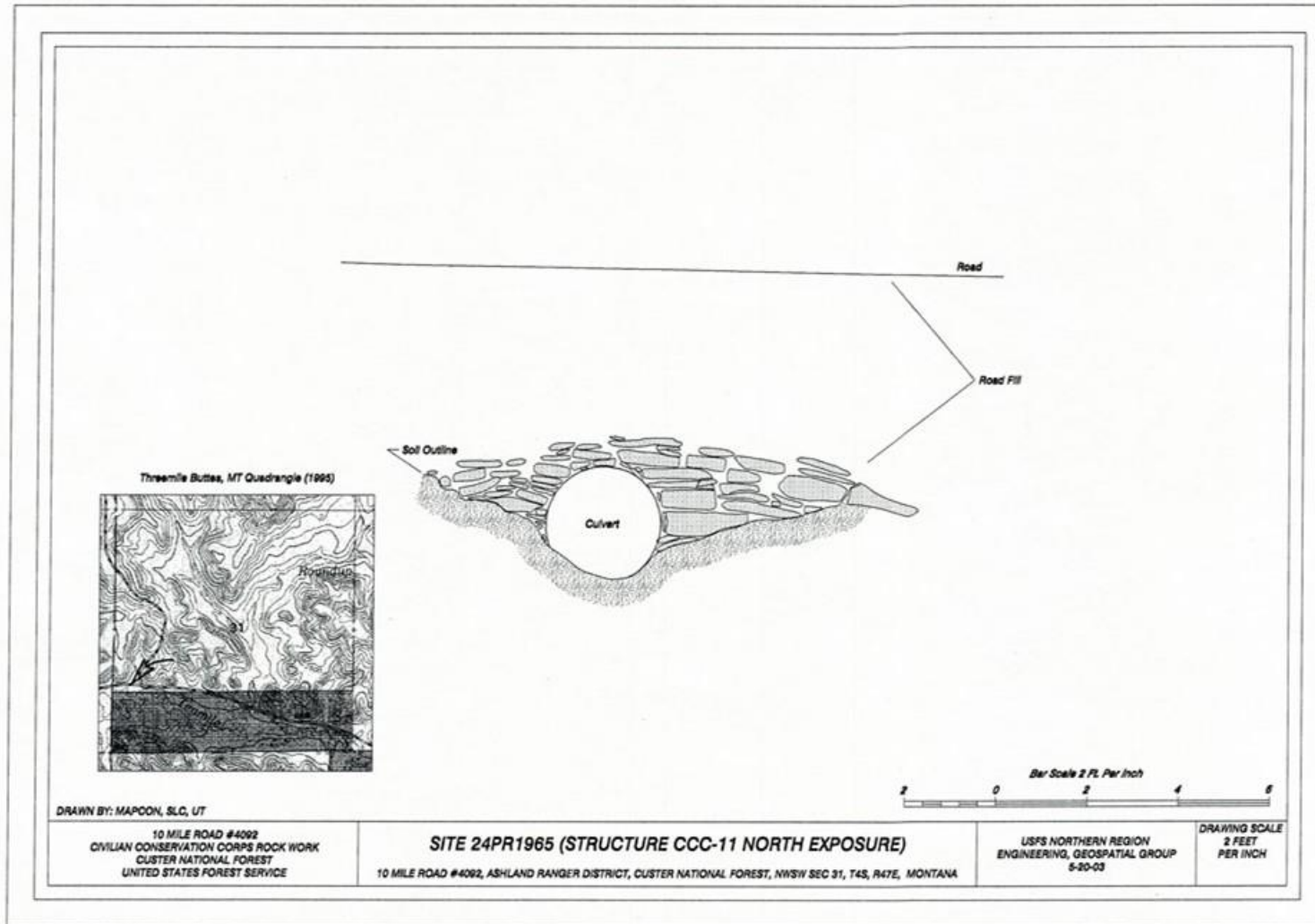
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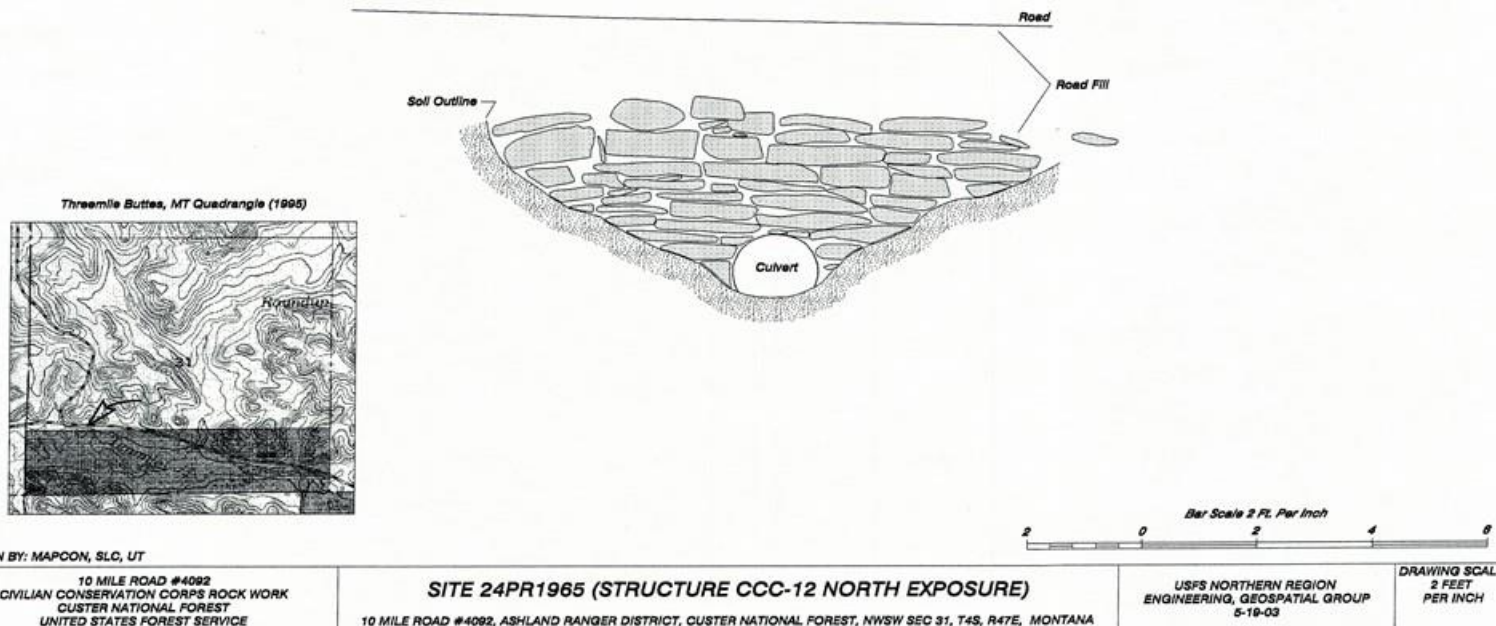
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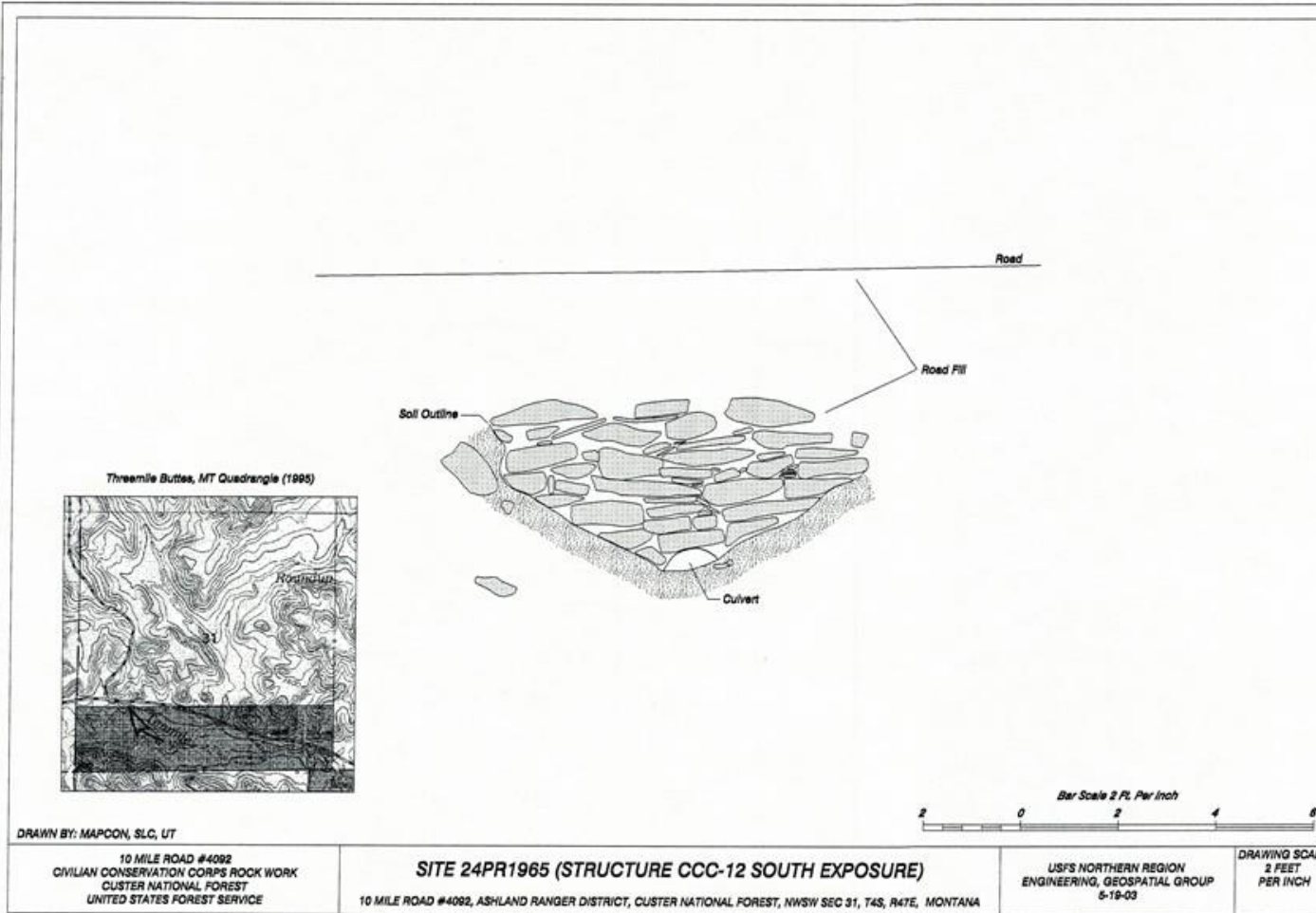
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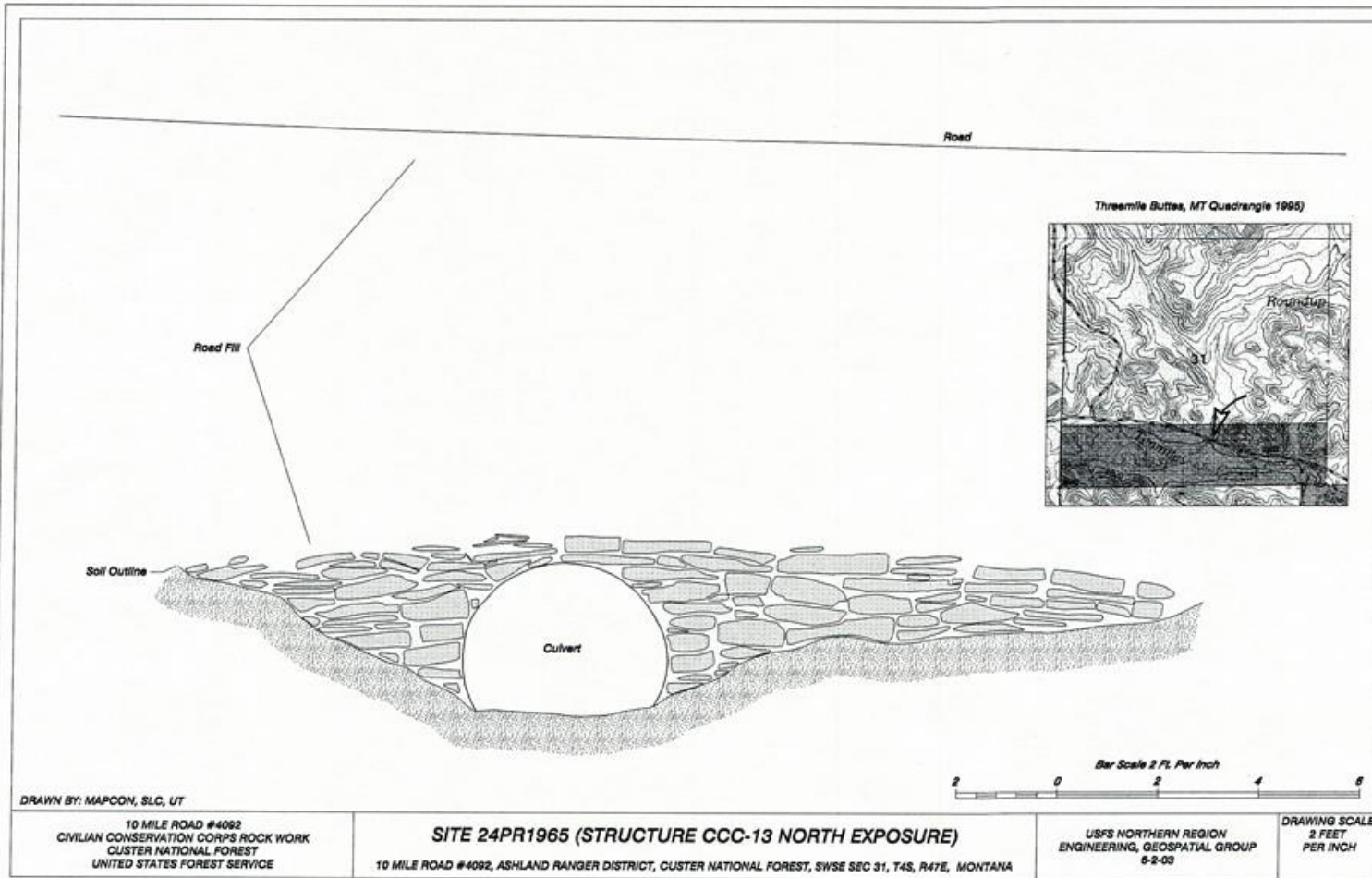
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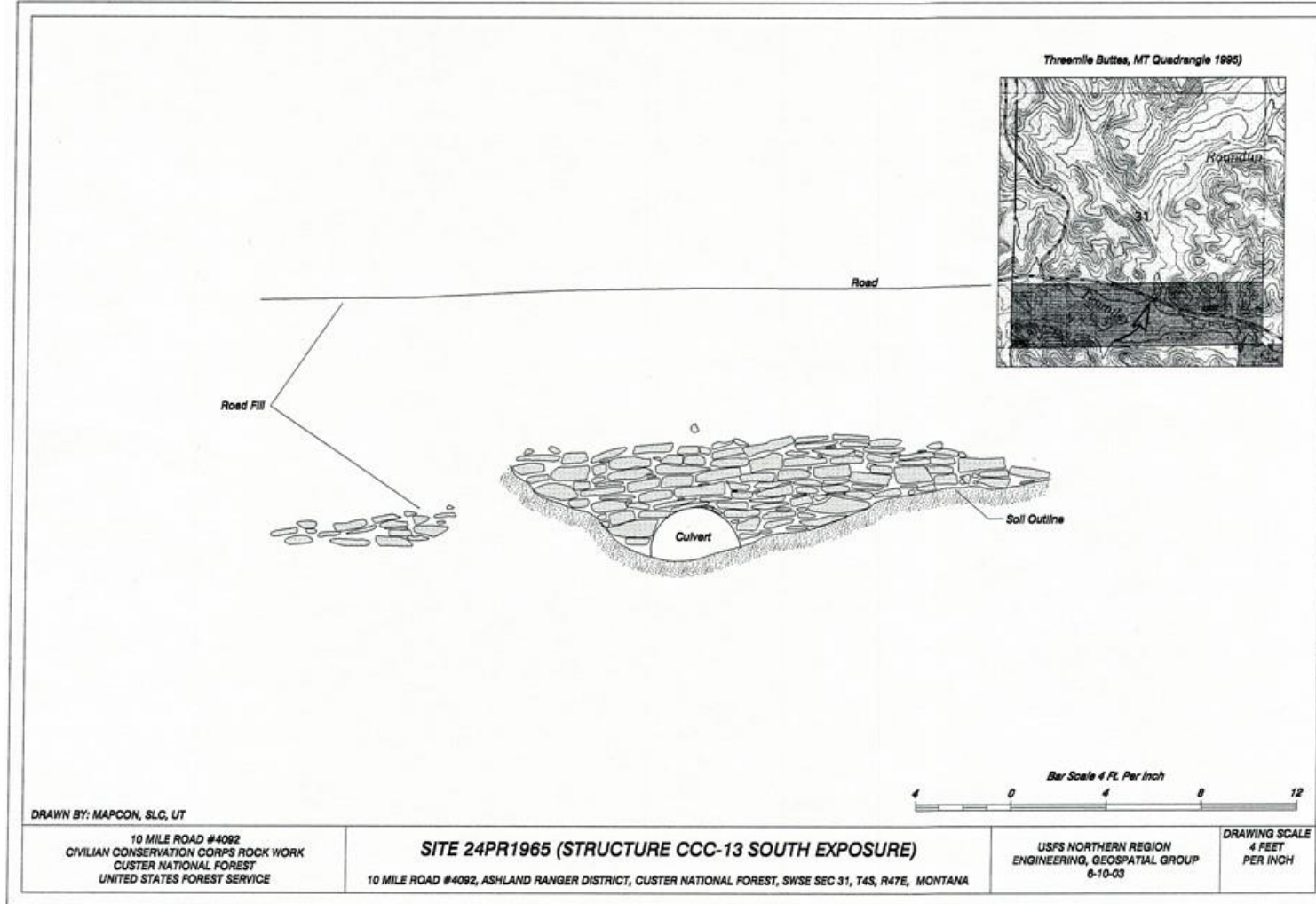
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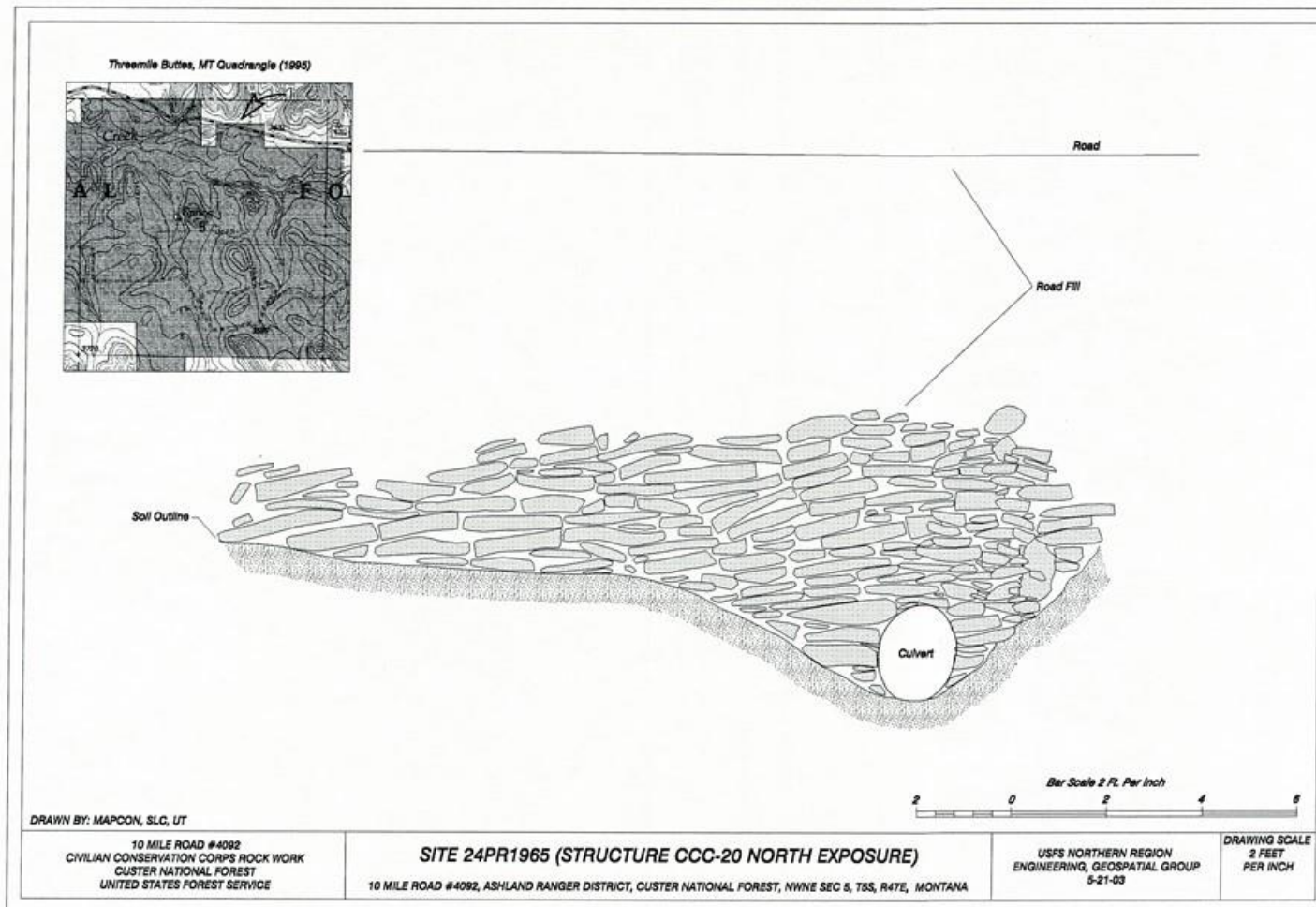
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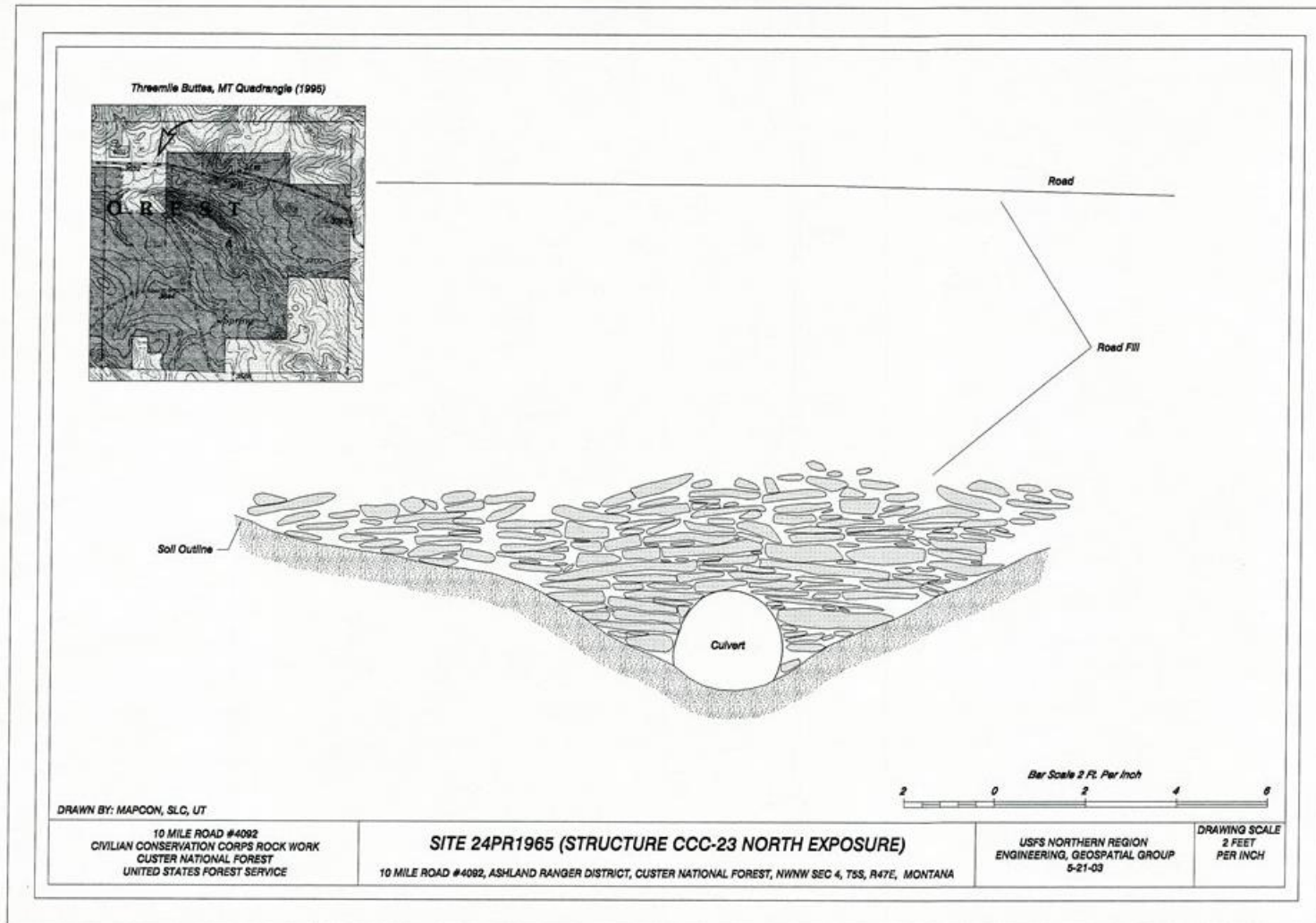
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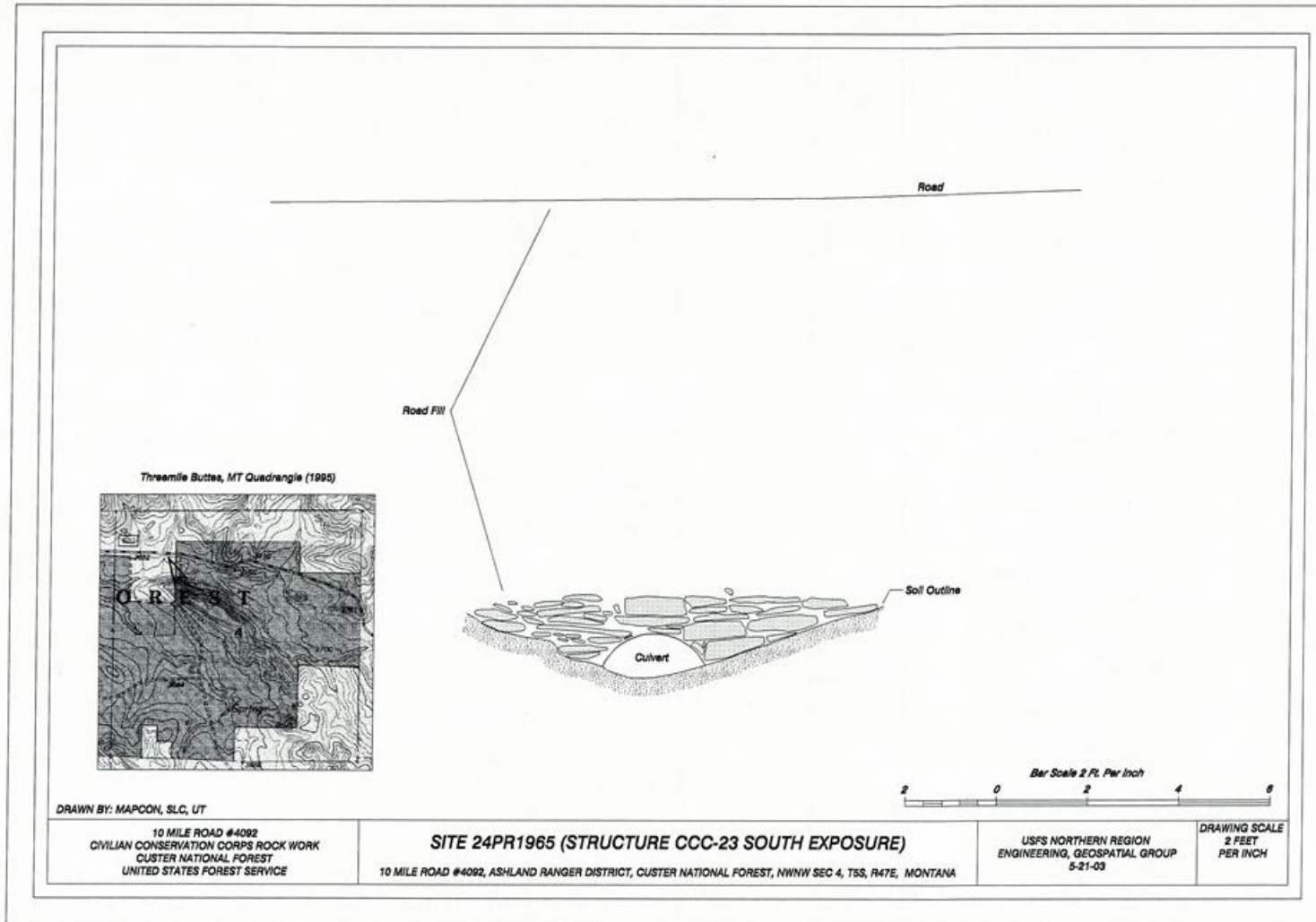
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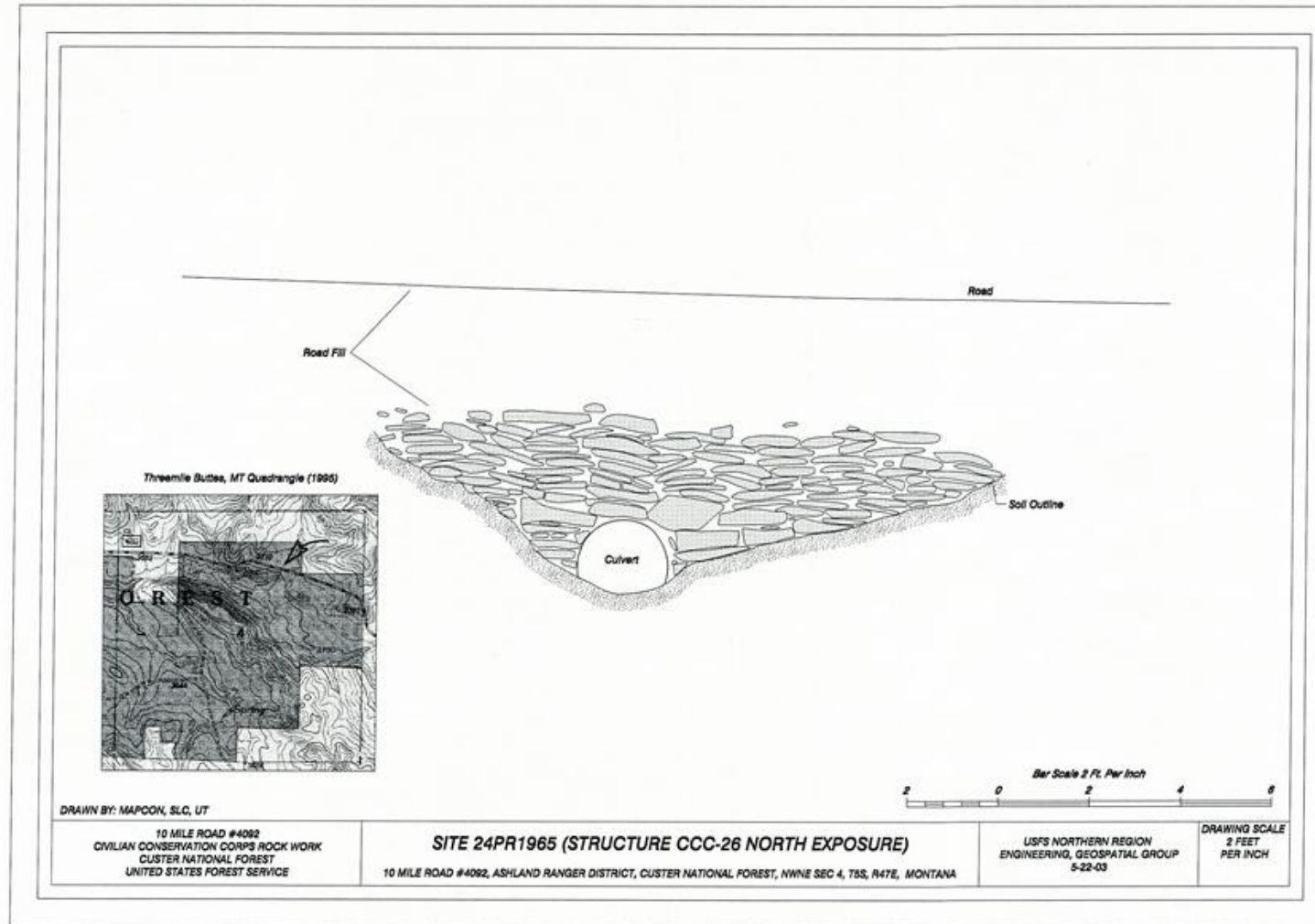
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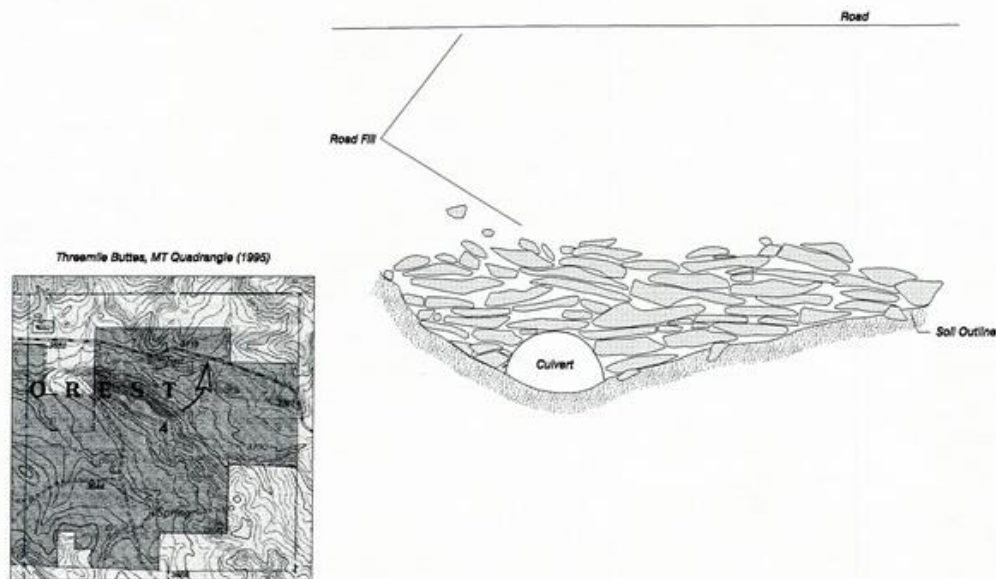
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10 MILE ROAD #4092
CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS ROCK WORK
CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE

SITE 24PR1965 (STRUCTURE CCC-26 SOUTH EXPOSURE)

10 MILE ROAD #4092, ASHLAND RANGER DISTRICT, CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST, NWNE SEC 4, T5S, R47E, MONTANA

USFS NORTHERN REGION
ENGINEERING, GEOSPATIAL GROUP
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CCC-5, Diversion Wall



Civilian Conservation Corps earth and stone diversion wall; north exposure, east section
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CCC-6, Culvert and Stone Work



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CCC-7, Culvert and Stone Work



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CCC-12, Culvert and Stone Work



Civilian Conservation Corps culvert and stonework; south exposure
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CCC-13, Culvert and Stone Work



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MT_PowderRiverCounty_TenMileRoad_0001. Ten Mile Road overview at west forest boundary, view to Northeast

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MT_PowderRiverCounty_TenMileRoad_0002. Ten Mile Road overview view to east

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